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HOUSE RESOLUTION 376
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A RESOLUTION to commend Patrick LaRocco for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this body should pause in its deliberations to honor and commend certain individuals who through exemplary character personify the idealism and unceasing work ethic of the State of Tennessee as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Patrick LaRocco is one such individual, who through his dedication and hard work has been an asset of the utmost degree to the Office of the Chief Clerk of the House, Chief Clerk Burney T. Durham and the entire staff of the Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Patrick's abilities are apparent to everything in which he endeavors to achieve, his personal drive for success casts a brilliant light of future triumph upon his life; and

WHEREAS, Patrick came to the General Assembly unaware of what awaited him; upon his arrival however, Patrick quickly entered into the political fray and became an integral part of the legislative process; and

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WHEREAS, Patrick's youth and legislative inexperience would have frustrated a lesser individual's over all experience with the legislative process, however Patrick quickly learned the process through the wit and wisdom of the staff of the Office of the Chief Clerk; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his tutorial experience within the Office of the Chief Clerk of the House, Patrick overcame all odds to become "Mr. Intern", a title lovingly and respectfully bestowed upon him by his intern peers; and

WHEREAS, Patrick's desire to learn the political system is evident, it is further manifested by his strict attention to finite details within the House Finance Ways and Means Committee, in which Patrick learned of the capricious details of state financing; and

WHEREAS, Patrick worked many long hours within the majestic State Capitol building, serving not only his educational needs as a University of Tennessee intern, but also providing an invaluable service to his employers and fellow employees within the Tennessee House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, throughout the long hours and tedious work, Patrick stood firm upon his ideals and unflinching desire to assist those in need, thus making for himself a name forever etched within the prestigious walls of Tennessee legislative history; and

WHEREAS, Patrick's success as a Legislative Intern is directly attributable to his reliance upon the time honored values of hard work, common sense and to his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Patrick's calm demeanor and striking intelligence has placed him in the role of one of the most beloved and well respected interns that have ever graced the halls of this hallowed body of legislative authority; and

WHEREAS, Patrick LaRocco is a truly exceptional man, possessing all estimable characteristics of a noble Tennessean, he is a shining example of individual performance and self-disciplined success, and should be especially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Patrick LaRocco for his outstanding service as a legislative intern for the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the great state of Tennessee, and extend to him our most sincere wishes for every future success, both personal and professional.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.